over one year of service, at the rate of Rs. 4 per head per month with effect from 1st January 1958 excluding those who are drawing more than Rs. 200 a month.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee with the following slight modifications :—

(i) Interim relief was not granted to Junior Engineers and Supervisors;

(ii) staff of clerks, accountants, peons and other categories were granted interim relief subject to the condition that they will not claim any of the concessions that may be extended in future to the non-gazetted employees of the Government from time to time ; and

(iii) the relief was given for a period of six months commencing from the pay earned from 1st March 1958.

The report of the Committee containing its final recommendations is awaited. Time till 29th September 1958 has been granted to the Committee for submission of its final report.

Transport workshop

* 350-G Q.—Sri S. A. ANNAMALAI ODAYAR (on behalf of Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Pillai : Will the Hon. the Minister for industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any site has been fixed up for the Transport Workshop to be built up in Nagercoil;

(b) whether the site has been acquired or purchased by the Government; and

(c) if so, the price or the rate of compensation and the extent of the land acquired or purchased?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Acquired.

(c) A sum of Rs. 45,000 has been paid for an extent of 14 acres and 26 cents acquired by the Department.

Plantation labourers

* 350-H Q.—Sri S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether 500 plantation workers in the (1) Perinjur Palpurai Estate, (2) Poongulam Estate, (3) St. Mary's Estate, and (4) Thavalakkadu Estate in Palani Hills, Madurai district, have made representations to the Government authorities to get them reinstated ; and

(b) the actions taken by the Government Labour Department to help these workers?